

Public Health Alert issued by Montana Department of Environmental Quality

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**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT NOTICE
Cinnamon Springs Dev Water System Water
MT0001546**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in CINNAMON SPRING DEV WATER SYSTEM Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Testing in May 2008 confirmed the presence of E. Coli bacteria in our drinking water. A **BOIL WATER ORDER** was issued **5/22/2008**.

Water samples taken on **6/23/2008** confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water supply serving CINNAMON SPRING DEV WATER SYSTEM. The **BOIL WATER ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT**.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

[Describe corrective action.]

We are still detecting coliform bacteria. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We anticipate resolving the problem within _____
[estimated time frame].

For more information, please contact JAMES SNYDER at _____ [phone number]
or 37090 GALLATIN RD, GALLATIN GATEWAY, MT 59730

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by CINNAMON SPRING DEV WATER SYSTEM. State Water System ID#: MT0001546.

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